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Dear Chuck,

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Just received your thoughtful letter of 17 October.
Please be assured that I plan to commend Messrs. [redacted]
[redacted] for using their heads and doing the right thing
in the absence of specific instructions to the contrary.
I really don't know what the rules are around here on who
gets picked up downtown. Nevertheless, I can't think of
a nicer thing to be criticized for than being the head
of an organization whose employees do the courteous
thing in unusual circumstances.

Thank you for writing.

Yours,



STANSFIELD TURNER

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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October 17, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:

If there were a Congressional distinguished service medal that could be awarded, I would recommend that two employees of your agency receive it. My nominees would be [redacted]

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On Monday, September 19, the last day of the Lance hearings, I received an invitation late in the afternoon to appear on the NBC Nightly News. I rushed downstairs to find that my wife had my car and was unable to find a taxi. I then hailed a car which I thought to be a Senate car in hopes that it could take me to the studio. It turned out to be the car driven by [redacted]. After some discussion, they agreed to drive me to the studio, thus allowing me to arrive there in time.

Otherwise, I would not have made it.

I deeply appreciate their service to me and their willingness to help out. I frankly hesitated about writing this letter, not knowing whether or not it would get them in trouble for going out of their way to deliver me to my appointment. I did ask them the question and they said that their duties normally did not allow them to pick up people except for high government officials. Presumably, that meant officials of the Executive Branch. However, in this case, they thought that since I was on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and both you and I are from Illinois that it might be alright.

In any event, I deeply appreciate their courtesy and helpfulness in a time of need. If you ever need a ride somewhere, Stan, someone in my office or I will be glad to reciprocate.

My best,


Charles H. Percy/cbh
United States Senator